

23. (New) The module according to claim 14, wherein the light source is a light propagation means, one end of which is for receiving the light from a light emitter and another end of which is for sending this light towards the wall of the reflector.

24. (New) The module according to claim 14, wherein the reflector is quasi-lambertian.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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#### ABSTRACT

A method for optically pumping a light-amplifying medium and an optical pumping module for implementing the method. At least one light source is used for pumping the amplifying medium and this medium is encircled by a reflector, the wall of which diffusely reflects this light. A beam directly stemming from the source is sent towards the wall so that it undergoes diffusive reflections and the amplifying medium is placed out of this beam so that it may be pumped by the sole light diffused by the wall. The method and apparatus can be particularly applied to cutting, welding lasers and those for treating the surface of materials.

#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the present application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.